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WASHINGTON, November 7, 1991 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 2 totaled 327,395, down 6.4 percent from the corresponding week of 1990 and down 5.7 percent from the preceding week, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

Compared with a year ago, carloadings originated were down 3.5 percent in the East and down 10.0 percent in the West, where heavy snows restricted rail operations.

From the comparable 1990 week, loadings of grain fell by 4,960 cars (16.6 percent), coal loadings decreased 8,343 cars (6.1 percent), and loadings of motor vehicles and equipment loading rose by 1,363 cars (7.8 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 44 weeks of 1991 totaled 14,155,965, a decline of 5.1 percent from the comparable period of 1990.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 137,854 trailers and containers for the week ended November 2, up 3.8 percent from 1990.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 44 weeks of 1991 was 5,249,953 trailers and containers, 0.2 percent below the 1990 comparable total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended November 2 totaled 20.5 billion, down 4.2 percent from the corresponding week of 1990. Cumulative volume for the first 44 weeks of 1991 was an estimated 864.7 billion ton-miles, down 1.9 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 2, 1991

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 2, 1991	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1990	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	24,913	29,873	-16.6 %	29,888	-16.6 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,107	2,391	-11.9	2,154	-2.2
Metallic Ores	13,086	17,010	-23.1	15,540	-15.8
Coal	128,131	136,474	-6.1	134,992	-5.1
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	13,229	15,715	-15.8	15,235	-13.2
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,842	9,040	-2.2	8,986	-1.6
Grain Mill Products	9,844	10,251	-4.0	10,030	-1.9
Food & Kindred Products	9,016	9,115	-1.1	9,296	-3.0
Primary Forest Products	9,122	9,512	-4.1	9,347	-2.4
Lumber & Wood Products	5,839	5,966	-2.1	5,644	3.5
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	9,867	10,276	-4.0	10,189	-3.2
Chemicals	28,014	29,301	-4.4	29,040	-3.5
Petroleum Products	5,116	5,157	-.8	5,043	1.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8,911	10,162	-12.3	9,609	-7.3
Coke	5,843	5,700	2.5	5,369	8.8
Metals & Products	10,359	10,673	-2.9	9,904	4.6
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	18,949	17,586	7.8	19,849	-4.5
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,710	9,000	-3.2	9,170	-5.0
All Other Carloads	7,497	6,711	11.7	7,994	-6.2
Total	327,395	349,913	-6.4 %	347,279	-5.7 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 2, 1991 1991	1990	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 44 WEEKS ENDING NOVEMBER 2, 1991 1991	1990	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	327,395	349,913	-6.4 %	14,155,965	14,923,178	-5.1 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	71,156	72,964	-2.5	2,733,229	2,931,638	-6.8
Containers	66,698	59,870	11.4	2,516,724	2,329,431	8.0
Total	137,854	132,834	3.8	5,249,953	5,261,069	-.2
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	20.5	21.4	-4.2 %	864.7	881.0	-1.9 %

NOTE: Carloadings are estimated for: Week 44, 1991 - PLE.

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WASHINGTON, November 14, 1991 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 9 totaled 325,766, down 3.4 percent from the corresponding week of 1990 and down 0.5 percent from the preceding week, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

Carloadings originated were down 4.9 percent in the East and down 1.5 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1990 week, loadings of motor vehicles and equipment rose by 2,364 cars (15.2 percent), loadings of coal fell by 7,432 cars (5.4 percent), and crushed stone, sand and gravel loadings decreased 2,948 cars (18.8 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 45 weeks of 1991 totaled 14,481,636, a decline of 5.1 percent from the comparable period of 1990.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 131,858 trailers and containers for the week ended November 9, up 3.0 percent from 1990.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 45 weeks of 1991 was 5,393,885 trailers and containers, 0.1 percent above the 1990 comparable total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended November 9 totaled 20.4 billion, down 1.4 percent from the corresponding week of 1990. Cumulative volume for the first 45 weeks of 1991 was an estimated 885.0 billion ton-miles, down 1.9 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 9, 1991

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 9, 1991	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1990	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	27,387	28,210	-2.9 %	24,913	9.9 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,930	2,180	-11.5	2,107	-8.4
Metallic Ores	14,251	13,692	4.1	13,086	8.9
Coal	128,936	136,368	-5.4	128,045	.7
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	12,758	15,706	-18.8	13,229	-3.6
Nonmetallic Minerals	7,491	9,472	-20.9	8,842	-15.3
Grain Mill Products	9,742	9,821	-.8	9,844	-1.0
Food & Kindred Products	9,073	9,233	-1.7	9,016	.6
Primary Forest Products	9,132	9,494	-3.8	9,122	.1
Lumber & Wood Products	5,034	5,015	.4	5,839	-13.8
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	9,594	9,923	-3.3	9,867	-2.8
Chemicals	28,018	27,318	2.6	28,015	.0
Petroleum Products	5,453	5,201	4.8	5,116	6.6
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8,634	9,940	-13.1	8,911	-3.1
Coke	5,533	5,085	8.8	5,843	-5.3
Metals & Products	9,900	10,185	-2.8	10,365	-4.5
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	17,866	15,502	15.2	18,949	-5.7
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,399	8,720	-3.7	8,676	-3.2
All Other Carloads	6,635	6,150	7.9	7,515	-11.7
Total	325,766	337,215	-3.4 %	327,300	-.5 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 9, 1991			CUMULATIVE: 45 WEEKS ENDING NOVEMBER 9, 1991		
	1991	1990	CHANGE	1991	1990	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	325,766	337,215	-3.4 %	14,481,636	15,260,393	-5.1 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	67,346	70,724	-4.8	2,772,256	3,002,362	-7.7
Containers	64,512	57,329	12.5	2,621,629	2,386,760	9.8
Total	131,858	128,053	3.0	5,393,885	5,389,122	.1
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	20.4	20.7	-1.4 %	885.0	901.7	-1.9 %

NOTE: Carloadings are estimated for: Week 45, 1991 - CR & RFP.
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WASHINGTON, November 21, 1991 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 16 totaled 336,536, down 1.5 percent from the corresponding week of 1990 and up 4.4 percent from the preceding week, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

Carloadings originated were down 2.2 percent in the East and down 0.7 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1990 week, loadings of motor vehicles and equipment rose by 1,592 cars (9.8 percent), loadings of coal fell by 3,891 cars (2.9 percent), and crushed stone, sand and gravel loadings decreased 1,918 cars (12.8 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 46 weeks of 1991 totaled 14,814,873, a decline of 5.0 percent from the comparable period of 1990.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 132,510 trailers and containers for the week ended November 16, up 4.7 percent from 1990.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 46 weeks of 1991 was 5,525,782 trailers and containers, 0.2 percent above the 1990 comparable total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended November 16 totaled 21.0 billion, down 0.5 percent from the corresponding week of 1990. Cumulative volume for the first 46 weeks of 1991 was an estimated 905.8 billion ton-miles, down 1.8 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 16, 1991

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 16, 1991	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1990	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	29,709	29,571	.5 %	27,490	8.1 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,386	2,241	6.5	1,913	24.7
Metallic Ores	15,886	16,538	-3.9	14,146	12.3
Coal	131,933	135,824	-2.9	126,549	4.3
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	13,092	15,010	-12.8	12,671	3.3
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,858	8,457	4.7	7,540	17.5
Grain Mill Products	9,946	10,213	-2.6	9,751	2.0
Food & Kindred Products	9,329	9,053	3.0	9,090	2.6
Primary Forest Products	9,609	9,490	1.3	9,116	5.4
Lumber & Wood Products	5,416	5,297	2.2	5,023	7.8
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	9,476	9,728	-2.6	9,576	-1.0
Chemicals	27,701	27,626	.3	27,974	-1.0
Petroleum Products	5,415	5,157	5.0	5,346	1.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8,783	9,576	-8.3	8,663	1.4
Coke	5,442	5,675	-4.1	5,625	-3.3
Metals & Products	9,989	10,455	-4.5	9,362	6.7
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	17,801	16,209	9.8	17,773	.2
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,819	8,826	-.1	8,330	5.9
All Other Carloads	6,946	6,837	1.6	6,529	6.4
Total	336,536	341,783	-1.5 %	322,467	4.4 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 16, 1991 1991	1990	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 46 WEEKS ENDING NOVEMBER 16, 1991 1991	1990	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	336,536	341,783	-1.5 %	14,814,873	15,602,176	-5.0 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	67,979	68,705	-1.1	2,840,056	3,071,067	-7.5
Containers	64,531	57,900	11.5	2,685,726	2,444,660	9.9
Total	132,510	126,605	4.7	5,525,782	5,515,727	.2
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	21.0	21.1	-.5 %	905.8	922.7	-1.8 %

NOTE: Carloadings are estimated for: Week 46, 1991 - GTW.

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WASHINGTON, December 2, 1991 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 23 totaled 347,073, up 26.6 percent from the corresponding week of 1990 (which included that year's Thanksgiving holiday) and up 3.1 percent from the preceding week, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

Carloadings originated were up 32.0 percent in the East and up 21.2 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1990 week, loadings of coal increased by 32,613 cars (30.1 percent), loadings of chemicals rose by 5,261 cars (22.4 percent), and motor vehicles and equipment loadings increased 6,350 cars (55.1 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 47 weeks of 1991 totaled 15,161,900, a decline of 4.5 percent from the comparable period of 1990.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 135,253 trailers and containers for the week ended November 23, up 37.0 percent from 1990.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 47 weeks of 1991 was 5,661,035 trailers and containers, 0.8 percent above the 1990 comparable total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended November 23 totaled 21.6 billion, up 29.3 percent from the corresponding week of 1990. Cumulative volume for the first 47 weeks of 1991 was an estimated 927.4 billion ton-miles, down 1.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 23, 1991

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 23, 1991	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1990	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	29,491	22,875	28.9 %	29,608	-.4 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,228	1,896	17.5	2,386	-6.6
Metallic Ores	17,609	14,452	21.8	15,886	10.8
Coal	140,593	108,380	30.1	131,933	6.9
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	12,401	9,804	26.5	13,092	-5.3
Nonmetallic Minerals	7,353	6,702	9.7	8,858	-17.0
Grain Mill Products	9,902	9,288	6.6	9,919	-.2
Food & Kindred Products	9,335	7,619	22.5	9,337	.0
Primary Forest Products	9,893	6,912	43.1	9,607	3.0
Lumber & Wood Products	5,913	3,874	52.6	5,417	9.2
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,108	9,817	3.0	9,477	6.7
Chemicals	28,742	23,481	22.4	27,727	3.7
Petroleum Products	5,206	4,212	23.6	5,414	-3.8
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8,537	7,802	9.4	8,783	-2.8
Coke	5,415	5,261	2.9	5,442	-.5
Metals & Products	9,899	9,158	8.1	9,994	-1.0
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	17,875	11,525	55.1	17,816	.3
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,765	6,073	44.3	8,860	-1.1
All Other Carloads	7,408	4,979	48.8	6,934	6.8
Total	**347,073**	**274,110**	**26.6 %**	**336,490**	**3.1 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 23, 1991 1991	1990	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 47 WEEKS ENDING NOVEMBER 23, 1991 1991	1990	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**347,073**	**274,110**	**26.6 %**	**15,161,900**	**15,876,286**	**-4.5 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	69,876	52,498	33.1	2,909,932	3,123,565	-6.8
Containers	65,377	46,242	41.4	2,751,103	2,490,902	10.4
Total	**135,253**	**98,740**	**37.0**	**5,661,035**	**5,614,467**	**.8**
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	**21.6**	**16.7**	**29.3 %**	**927.4**	**939.4**	**-1.3 %**

NOTES: Figures for Week 47 of 1990 include the Thanksgiving holiday.
Carloadings are estimated for: Week 47, 1991 - TM & TRC.

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WASHINGTON, December 5, 1991 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the holiday week ended November 30 totaled 268,625, down 22.8 percent from the corresponding week of 1990 and down 22.6 percent from the preceding week, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

Carloadings originated were down 30.3 percent in the East and down 14.0 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1990 week, loadings of coal decreased by 32,083 cars (23.7 percent), loadings of chemicals fell by 6,334 cars (20.8 percent), and motor vehicles and equipment loadings decreased 4,694 cars (27.9 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 48 weeks of 1991 totaled 15,430,343, a decline of 4.9 percent from the comparable period of 1990.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 106,088 trailers and containers for the week ended November 30, down 17.9 percent from 1990.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 48 weeks of 1991 was 5,767,123 trailers and containers, 0.4 percent above the 1990 comparable total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended November 30 totaled 16.6 billion, down 22.8 percent from the corresponding week of 1990. Cumulative volume for the first 48 weeks of 1991 was an estimated 944.0 billion ton-miles, down 1.8 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1991

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1991	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1990	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	22,709	26,632	-14.7 %	29,491	-23.0 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,127	2,251	-5.5	2,208	-3.7
Metallic Ores	14,499	14,735	-1.6	17,609	-17.7
Coal	103,546	135,629	-23.7	141,030	-26.6
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	8,128	14,551	-44.1	12,384	-34.4
Nonmetallic Minerals	7,249	8,992	-19.4	7,353	-1.4
Grain Mill Products	8,841	10,111	-12.6	9,902	-10.7
Food & Kindred Products	7,740	9,663	-19.9	9,335	-17.1
Primary Forest Products	6,779	10,149	-33.2	9,893	-31.5
Lumber & Wood Products	4,632	5,782	-19.9	5,913	-21.7
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,139	11,332	-10.5	10,101	.4
Chemicals	24,139	30,473	-20.8	28,561	-15.5
Petroleum Products	3,985	5,408	-26.3	5,206	-23.5
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	6,557	9,685	-32.3	8,537	-23.2
Coke	5,120	6,037	-15.2	5,415	-5.4
Metals & Products	8,944	11,990	-25.4	9,899	-9.6
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	12,155	16,849	-27.9	17,875	-32.0
Waste & Scrap Materials	6,315	8,866	-28.8	8,769	-28.0
All Other Carloads	5,021	8,907	-43.6	7,410	-32.2
Total	**268,625**	**348,042**	**-22.8 %**	**346,891**	**-22.6 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1991 1991	1990	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 48 WEEKS ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1991 1991	1990	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**268,625**	**348,042**	**-22.8 %**	**15,430,343**	**16,224,328**	**-4.9 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	53,475	72,218	-26.0	2,963,407	3,195,783	-7.3
Containers	52,613	57,026	-7.7	2,803,716	2,547,928	10.0
Total	**106,088**	**129,244**	**-17.9**	**5,767,123**	**5,743,711**	**.4**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**16.6**	**21.5**	**-22.8 %**	**944.0**	**960.9**	**-1.8 %**

NOTE: Figures for Week 48 of 1991 include the Thanksgiving holiday whereas the corresponding week in 1990 did not.

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Carloadings originated were down 6.8 percent in the East and up 3.4 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1990 week, loadings of coal decreased by 11,095 cars (8.0 percent), loadings of grain rose by 3,452 cars (12.5 percent), and motor vehicles and equipment loadings increased by 1,866 cars (11.5 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 49 weeks of 1991 totaled 15,761,309, a decline of 4.8 percent from the comparable period of 1990.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 127,582 trailers and containers for the week ended December 7, up 0.5 percent from 1990.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 49 weeks of 1991 was 5,894,705 trailers and containers, 0.4 percent above the 1990 comparable total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended December 7 totaled 20.7 billion, down 1.0 percent from the corresponding week of 1990. Cumulative volume for the first 49 weeks of 1991 was an estimated 964.7 billion ton-miles, up 15.1 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 7, 1991

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 7, 1991	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1990	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	31,025	27,573	12.5 %	22,709	36.6 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,521	2,376	6.1	2,127	18.5
Metallic Ores	15,695	12,986	20.9	14,499	8.2
Coal	127,436	138,531	-8.0	103,546	23.1
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	11,906	13,532	-12.0	8,128	46.5
Nonmetallic Minerals	7,809	7,722	1.1	7,249	7.7
Grain Mill Products	10,868	10,196	6.6	8,841	22.9
Food & Kindred Products	9,469	9,624	-1.6	7,740	22.3
Primary Forest Products	9,353	9,690	-3.5	6,779	38.0
Lumber & Wood Products	5,305	5,226	1.5	4,632	14.5
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,302	10,373	-.7	10,139	1.6
Chemicals	28,930	28,545	1.3	24,139	19.8
Petroleum Products	5,288	4,891	8.1	3,985	32.7
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8,271	8,924	-7.3	6,557	26.1
Coke	5,415	5,423	-.1	5,120	5.8
Metals & Products	8,724	10,504	-16.9	8,944	-2.5
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	18,119	16,253	11.5	12,155	49.1
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,045	8,245	-2.4	6,315	27.4
All Other Carloads	6,485	7,298	-11.1	5,021	29.2
Total	**330,966**	**337,912**	**-2.1 %**	**268,625**	**23.2 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 7, 1991 1991	1990	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 49 WEEKS ENDING DECEMBER 7, 1991 1991	1990	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	330,966	337,912	-2.1 %	15,761,309	16,562,240	-4.8 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	68,568	71,027	-3.5	3,031,975	3,266,810	-7.2
Containers	59,014	55,971	5.4	2,862,730	2,603,899	9.9
Total	127,582	126,998	.5	5,894,705	5,870,709	.4
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	20.7	20.9	-1.0 %	964.7	838.1	15.1 %

NOTE: Carloadings are estimated for: Week 49, 1991 - PS.

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WASHINGTON, December 19, 1991 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended December 14 totaled 335,694, down 1.1 percent from the corresponding week of 1990 and up 1.5 percent from the preceding week, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

Carloadings originated were down 3.5 percent in the East and up 1.5 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1990 week, loadings of grain increased by 1,309 cars (4.8 percent), loadings of chemicals fell by 1,946 cars (6.5 percent), and motor vehicles and equipment loadings increased by 1,462 cars (9.0 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 50 weeks of 1991 totaled 16,096,892, a decline of 4.8 percent from the comparable period of 1990.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 135,103 trailers and containers for the week ended December 14, up 3.8 percent from 1990.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 50 weeks of 1991 was 6,029,808 trailers and containers, 0.5 percent above the 1990 comparable total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended December 14 totaled 21.0 billion, unchanged from the corresponding week of 1990. Cumulative volume for the first 50 weeks of 1991 was an estimated 999.1 billion ton-miles, down 0.5 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 14, 1991

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 14, 1991	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1990	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	28,860	27,551	4.8 %	31,025	-7.0 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,602	2,131	22.1	2,521	3.2
Metallic Ores	15,844	14,693	7.8	15,694	1.0
Coal	134,705	136,108	-1.0	127,327	5.8
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	12,034	13,697	-12.1	11,906	1.1
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,615	8,519	1.1	7,809	10.3
Grain Mill Products	10,147	10,228	-.8	10,868	-6.6
Food & Kindred Products	9,371	9,787	-4.3	9,469	-1.0
Primary Forest Products	10,029	10,268	-2.3	9,353	7.2
Lumber & Wood Products	5,297	5,402	-1.9	5,306	-.2
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	9,595	10,354	-7.3	10,302	-6.9
Chemicals	27,793	29,739	-6.5	28,929	-3.9
Petroleum Products	5,389	4,836	11.4	5,288	1.9
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7,983	8,639	-7.6	8,271	-3.5
Coke	5,390	5,493	-1.9	5,414	-.4
Metals & Products	9,408	9,942	-5.4	8,724	7.8
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	17,694	16,232	9.0	18,119	-2.3
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,546	8,361	2.2	8,045	6.2
All Other Carloads	6,392	7,577	-15.6	6,485	-1.4
Total	335,694	339,557	-1.1 %	330,855	1.5 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 14, 1991 1991	1990	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 50 WEEKS ENDING DECEMBER 14, 1991 1991	1990	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	335,694	339,557	-1.1 %	16,096,892	16,901,797	-4.8 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	70,280	72,238	-2.7	3,102,255	3,339,048	-7.1
Containers	64,823	57,859	12.0	2,927,553	2,661,758	10.0
Total	135,103	130,097	3.8	6,029,808	6,000,806	.5
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	21.0	21.0	.0 %	999.1 r	1,004.3 r	-.5 %

NOTE: Carloadings are estimated for: Week 50, 1991 - PLE, SP & TM.

r — Cumulative ton-miles revised to reflect reported ton-miles for 3rd Quarter 1991 and corrections to reported ton-miles for 3rd Quarter 1990.

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WASHINGTON, December 27, 1991 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended December 21 totaled 336,085, up 7.0 percent from the corresponding week of 1990 and up 0.1 percent from the preceding week, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

Carloadings originated were down 0.2 percent in the East and up 16.0 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1990 week, loadings of coal increased by 16,409 cars (14.0 percent); loadings of grain rose by 5,281 cars (19.7 percent), and motor vehicles and equipment loadings increased by 3,000 cars (22.9 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 51 weeks of 1991 totaled 16,433,046, a decline of 4.5 percent from the comparable period of 1990.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 130,807 trailers and containers for the week ended December 21, up 5.2 percent from 1990.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 51 weeks of 1991 was 6,161,325 trailers and containers, 0.6 percent above the 1990 comparable total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended December 21 totaled 21.0 billion, up 9.4 percent from the corresponding week of 1990. Cumulative volume for the first 51 weeks of 1991 was an estimated 1,020.2 billion ton-miles, down 0.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 21, 1991

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 21, 1991	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1990	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	32,038	26,757	19.7 %	29,071	10.2 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,180	1,973	10.5	2,235	-2.5
Metallic Ores	16,741	16,365	2.3	15,879	5.4
Coal	133,964	117,555	14.0	134,850	-.7
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	10,210	10,339	-1.2	11,853	-13.9
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,157	8,243	-1.0	8,622	-5.4
Grain Mill Products	10,491	10,391	1.0	10,136	3.5
Food & Kindred Products	9,553	9,224	3.6	9,454	1.0
Primary Forest Products	10,242	9,847	4.0	10,052	1.9
Lumber & Wood Products	5,597	5,595	.0	5,351	4.6
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	9,536	10,426	-8.5	9,548	-.1
Chemicals	29,385	31,245	-6.0	27,802	5.7
Petroleum Products	5,429	4,825	12.5	5,318	2.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7,045	7,527	-6.4	8,026	-12.2
Coke	5,166	6,020	-14.2	5,380	-4.0
Metals & Products	9,747	10,535	-7.5	9,372	4.0
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	16,080	13,080	22.9	17,784	-9.6
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,105	7,607	6.5	8,552	-5.2
All Other Carloads	6,419	6,459	-.6	6,478	-.9
Total	336,085	314,013	7.0 %	335,763	.1 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 21, 1991 1991	1990	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 51 WEEKS ENDING DECEMBER 21, 1991 1991	1990	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	336,085	314,013	7.0 %	16,433,046	17,215,810	-4.5 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	67,772	69,797	-2.9	3,170,315	3,408,845	-7.0
Containers	63,035	54,598	15.5	2,991,010	2,716,356	10.1
Total	130,807	124,395	5.2	6,161,325	6,125,201	.6
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	21.0	19.2	9.4 %	1,020.2	1,023.5	-.3 %

NOTE: Carloadings are estimated for: Week 51, 1991 - AN, LSI, PLE & TM; Week 50, 1991 - PLE & TM.

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U.S. RAILROADS SET INTERMODAL RECORD IN 1991

WASHINGTON, January 6, 1992 -- U.S. freight railroads in 1991 set a record for trailers and containers hauled in intermodal service and topped the one trillion mark in ton-miles for the third consecutive year, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

Estimated ton-miles reached 1,034.3 billion in 1991, just 0.1 percent below 1990's record 1,035.6 billion. The ton-mile figure for 1991 could end up surpassing 1990 after final numbers are received and tallied by the AAR.

Intermodal volume totaled 6,243,447 trailers and containers, up 0.6 percent from the 6,206,782 carried in 1990. This is the tenth consecutive year that U.S. railroads have set an intermodal record.

Carloadings for the 52 weeks of 1991 totaled 16,664,461, 4.3 percent less than the 17,415,507 carried in 1990.

Carloadings during the holiday week ended December 28 totaled 229,704, 15 percent above the 1990 holiday week and 32 percent below the preceding non-holiday week. Carloadings originated were up 5.4 percent in the East and 24 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

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From the comparable 1990 week, coal loadings increased by 13,797 cars (19.1 percent); grain loadings rose by 7,631 cars (49.1 percent), and loadings of metallic ores increased by 4,508 cars (36.9 percent).

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 82,322 trailers and containers for the week ended December 28, up 0.9 percent from 1990.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended December 28 totaled 14.1 billion, up 16.5 percent from the corresponding week of 1990.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 28, 1991

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 28, 1991	COMPARISON WITH			
		SAME WEEK OF 1990	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	23,187	15,556	49.1 %	32,130	-27.8 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,280	866	47.8	2,177	-41.2
Metallic Ores	16,737	12,229	36.9	18,369	-8.9
Coal	85,941	72,144	19.1	134,047	-35.9
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	4,912	4,425	11.0	10,212	-51.9
Nonmetallic Minerals	6,559	6,118	7.2	8,157	-19.6
Grain Mill Products	8,873	8,164	8.7	10,491	-15.4
Food & Kindred Products	6,433	6,127	5.0	9,551	-32.6
Primary Forest Products	5,325	4,880	9.1	10,246	-48.0
Lumber & Wood Products	3,376	3,194	5.7	5,597	-39.7
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	11,022	10,707	2.9	9,548	15.4
Chemicals	22,277	22,987	-3.1	29,382	-24.2
Petroleum Products	3,839	3,291	16.7	5,429	-29.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5,275	5,460	-3.4	7,045	-25.1
Coke	5,503	4,635	18.7	5,160	6.6
Metals & Products	7,193	7,431	-3.2	9,764	-26.3
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	4,236	4,152	2.0	16,080	-73.7
Waste & Scrap Materials	4,447	3,935	13.0	8,082	-45.0
All Other Carloads	3,289	3,396	-3.2	6,418	-48.8
Total	229,704	199,697	15.0 %	337,885	-32.0 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 28, 1991			CUMULATIVE: 52 WEEKS ENDING DECEMBER 28, 1991		
	1991	1990	CHANGE	1991	1990	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	229,704	199,697	15.0 %	16,664,461	17,415,507	-4.3 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	39,003	43,108	-9.5	3,209,239	3,451,953	-7.0
Containers	43,319	38,473	12.6	3,034,208	2,754,829	10.1
Total	82,322	81,581	.9	6,243,447	6,206,782	.6
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	14.1	12.1	16.5 %	1,034.3	1,035.6	-.1 %

NOTE: Carloadings are estimated for: Week 52, 1991 - PLE, SP & TM; Week 51, 1991 - PLE; Week 50, 1991 - PLE.

WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
BY COMMODITY
FOR 52 WEEKS, 1991 AND 1990

	1991	1990	Percent Change
Grain	1,382,494	1,437,942	-3.9
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	88,323	92,865	-4.9
Metallic Ores	846,197	906,142	-6.6
Coal	6,491,910	6,679,641	-2.8
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	664,805	770,535	-13.7
Nonmetallic Minerals	448,181	482,195	-7.1
Grain Mill Products	517,523	521,635	-.8
Food & Kindred Products	459,892	451,732	1.8
Primary Forest Products	482,767	501,764	-7.8
Lumber & Wood Products	285,680	319,402	-10.6
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	529,417	543,806	-2.6
Chemicals	1,447,051	1,456,240	-.6
Petroleum Products	256,323	263,917	-2.9
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	463,791	506,978	-8.5
Coke	262,487	295,388	-11.1
Metals & Products	496,722	520,232	-4.5
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	797,447	882,670	-9.7
Waste & Scrap Materials	414,574	438,885	-5.5
All Other Carloads	348,876	343,538	1.6

ESTIMATED REVENUE TON-MILES (IN BILLIONS)

First quarter	254.2	260.4	-2.3
Second quarter	251.7	259.2	-2.9
Third quarter	266.0	257.2	3.4
Fourth quarter	262.4	258.8	1.4
Year	1,034.3	1,035.6	-0.1

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WASHINGTON, January 9, 1992 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the holiday week ended January 4 totaled 260,981, up 9.9 percent from the corresponding week of 1991 and up 13.0 percent from the preceding week, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

Carloadings originated were up 2.9 percent in the East and up 17.2 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1991 week, loadings of grain increased by 6,903 cars (37.9 percent), loadings of coal rose by 7,700 cars (8.3 percent), and motor vehicles and equipment loadings decreased by 2,157 cars (32.4 percent).

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 88,281 trailers and containers for the week ended January 4, up 5.4 percent from 1991.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended January 4 totaled 16.7 billion, up 12.8 percent from the corresponding week of 1991.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 4, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JANUARY 4, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	25,134	18,231	37.9 %	23,350	7.6 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,165	1,255	-7.2	1,320	-11.7
Metallic Ores	14,004	12,191	14.9	16,617	-15.7
Coal	100,249	92,549	8.3	86,328	16.1
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	8,075	6,082	32.8	4,832	67.1
Nonmetallic Minerals	7,071	7,838	-9.8	6,558	7.8
Grain Mill Products	9,057	8,617	5.1	8,865	2.2
Food & Kindred Products	6,817	6,752	1.0	6,523	4.5
Primary Forest Products	7,969	6,997	13.9	5,400	47.6
Lumber & Wood Products	4,069	3,340	21.8	3,621	12.4
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	11,692	10,924	7.0	11,019	6.1
Chemicals	26,843	23,819	12.7	22,764	17.9
Petroleum Products	4,260	4,086	4.3	3,966	7.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	6,551	5,889	11.2	5,190	26.2
Coke	5,437	5,037	7.9	5,401	0.7
Metals & Products	8,708	8,629	0.9	7,070	23.2
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	4,501	6,658	-32.4	4,232	6.4
Waste & Scrap Materials	5,361	4,910	9.2	4,627	15.9
All Other Carloads	4,018	3,711	8.3	3,221	24.7
Total	260,981	237,515	9.9 %	230,904	13.0 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JANUARY 4, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 1 WEEK ENDING JANUARY 4, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	260,981	237,515	9.9 %	260,981	237,515	9.9 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	41,105	42,585	-3.5	41,105	42,585	-3.5
Containers	47,176	41,194	14.5	47,176	41,194	14.5
Total	88,281	83,779	5.4	88,281	83,779	5.4
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	16.7	14.8	12.8 %	16.7	14.8	12.8 %

NOTE: Carloadings are estimated for: Week 1, 1992 - BAR & PLE.

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WASHINGTON, January 16, 1992 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 11 totaled 321,228, up 4.0 percent from the corresponding week of 1991 and up 23.5 percent from the preceding holiday week, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

Carloadings originated were up 3.5 percent in the East and up 4.5 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1991 week, loadings of grain increased by 4,248 cars (15.6 percent), loadings of coal rose by 4,990 cars (4.1 percent), and crushed stone, sand and gravel loadings increased by 1,743 cars (20.1 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first two weeks of 1992 totaled 581,238, up 6.4 percent from the comparable period in 1991.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 121,992 trailers and containers for the week ended January 11, up 1.9 percent from 1991.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first two weeks of 1992 was 210,273 trailers and containers, 3.4 percent above the 1991 comparable total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended January 11 totaled 20.7 billion, up 6.7 percent from the corresponding week of 1991. Cumulative volume for the first two weeks of 1992 was an estimated 37.4 billion ton-miles, up 9.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 11, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JANUARY 11, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	31,424	27,176	15.6 %	25,130	25.0 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,511	2,323	-35.0	1,165	29.7
Metallic Ores	14,181	11,682	21.4	14,004	1.3
Coal	125,917	120,927	4.1	100,249	25.6
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	10,432	8,689	20.1	8,057	29.5
Nonmetallic Minerals	7,913	8,423	-6.1	7,071	11.9
Grain Mill Products	10,466	10,134	3.3	9,060	15.5
Food & Kindred Products	9,103	9,793	-7.0	6,809	33.7
Primary Forest Products	9,839	9,355	5.2	7,549	30.3
Lumber & Wood Products	5,541	5,010	10.6	4,012	38.1
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,812	10,971	-1.4	11,355	-4.8
Chemicals	28,943	29,267	-1.1	26,821	7.9
Petroleum Products	5,230	4,933	6.0	4,157	25.8
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7,975	8,193	-2.7	6,551	21.7
Coke	5,355	5,116	4.7	5,437	-1.5
Metals & Products	10,099	10,348	-2.4	8,708	16.0
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	11,975	12,158	-1.5	4,501	166.1
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,475	8,291	2.2	5,361	58.1
All Other Carloads	6,037	6,129	-1.5	4,013	50.4
Total	321,228	308,918	4.0 %	260,010	23.5 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JANUARY 11, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 2 WEEKS ENDING JANUARY 11, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	321,228	308,918	4.0 %	581,238	546,433	6.4 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	57,341	61,814	-7.2	98,446	104,399	-5.7
Containers	64,651	57,882	11.7	111,827	99,016	12.9
Total	121,992	119,696	1.9	210,273	203,415	3.4
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	20.7	19.4	6.7 %	37.4	34.2	9.4 %

NOTE: Carloadings are estimated for: Week 1, 1992 - PLE.

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WASHINGTON, January 23, 1992 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 18 totaled 313,076, down 3.6 percent from the corresponding week of 1991 and down 2.5 percent from the preceding week, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

Carloadings originated were down 7.0 percent in the East and up 0.2 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1991 week, loadings of grain decreased by 2,072 cars (6.9 percent), loadings of coal fell by 6,728 cars (5.2 percent), and lumber and wood products loadings increased by 690 cars (13.6 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first three weeks of 1992 totaled 894,314, up 2.7 percent from the comparable period in 1991.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 121,072 trailers and containers for the week ended January 18, up 2.6 percent from 1991.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first three weeks of 1992 was 331,345 trailers and containers, 3.1 percent above the 1991 comparable total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended January 18 totaled 20.3 billion, down 0.5 percent from the corresponding week of 1991. Cumulative volume for the first three weeks of 1992 was an estimated 57.7 billion ton-miles, up 5.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 18, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JANUARY 18, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	27,864	29,936	-6.9 %	31,424	-11.3 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,665	2,334	-28.7	1,511	10.2
Metallic Ores	13,935	14,282	-2.4	14,181	-1.7
Coal	122,771	129,499	-5.2	125,917	-2.5
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	8,958	9,192	-2.5	10,432	-14.1
Nonmetallic Minerals	7,364	9,247	-20.4	7,913	-6.9
Grain Mill Products	10,417	10,421	0.0	10,466	-0.5
Food & Kindred Products	9,109	9,344	-2.5	9,103	0.1
Primary Forest Products	8,921	9,233	-3.4	9,839	-9.3
Lumber & Wood Products	5,776	5,086	13.6	5,541	4.2
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,489	10,865	-3.5	10,812	-3.0
Chemicals	28,958	28,430	1.9	28,943	0.1
Petroleum Products	5,036	5,223	-3.6	5,230	-3.7
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7,662	8,244	-7.1	7,975	-3.9
Coke	5,668	5,234	8.3	5,355	5.8
Metals & Products	10,054	10,365	-3.0	10,099	-0.4
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	14,481	14,052	3.1	11,975	20.9
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,191	8,188	0.0	8,475	-3.4
All Other Carloads	5,757	5,546	3.8	6,037	-4.6
Total	**313,076**	**324,721**	**-3.6 %**	**321,228**	**-2.5 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JANUARY 18, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 3 WEEKS ENDING JANUARY 18, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**313,076**	**324,721**	**-3.6 %**	**894,314**	**871,154**	**2.7 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	58,814	63,044	-6.7	157,260	167,443	-6.1
Containers	62,258	54,923	13.4	174,085	153,939	13.1
Total	121,072	117,967	2.6	331,345	321,382	3.1
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	20.3	20.4	-0.5 %	57.7	54.6	5.7 %

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WASHINGTON, January 30, 1992 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 25 totaled 319,081, up 1.6 percent from the corresponding week of 1991 and up 1.9 percent from the preceding week, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

Carloadings originated were down 2.0 percent in the East and up 5.4 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1991 week, loadings of grain increased by 2,967 cars (10.7 percent), loadings of motor vehicles and equipment rose by 2,031 cars (15.8 percent), and crushed stone, sand and gravel loadings increased by 1,525 cars (18.0 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first four weeks of 1992 totaled 1,213,395, up 2.4 percent from the comparable period in 1991.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 121,828 trailers and containers for the week ended January 25, up 3.8 percent from 1991.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first four weeks of 1992 was 452,923 trailers and containers, 3.2 percent above the 1991 comparable total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended January 25 totaled 20.6 billion, up 5.1 percent from the corresponding week of 1991. Cumulative volume for the first four weeks of 1992 was an estimated 78.3 billion ton-miles, up 5.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 25, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JANUARY 25, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	30,623	27,656	10.7 %	27,864	9.9 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,779	2,369	-24.9	1,665	6.8
Metallic Ores	13,433	13,901	-3.4	13,935	-3.6
Coal	126,759	126,197	0.4	122,771	3.2
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	9,976	8,451	18.0	8,958	11.4
Nonmetallic Minerals	7,699	8,496	-9.4	7,364	4.5
Grain Mill Products	10,207	10,499	-2.8	10,417	-2.0
Food & Kindred Products	9,275	9,032	2.7	9,109	1.8
Primary Forest Products	8,769	8,915	-1.6	8,921	-1.7
Lumber & Wood Products	5,988	5,242	14.2	5,776	3.7
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	9,996	10,943	-8.7	10,489	-4.7
Chemicals	28,409	28,548	-0.5	28,958	-1.9
Petroleum Products	4,973	4,661	6.7	5,036	-1.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7,693	7,983	-3.6	7,662	0.4
Coke	4,933	4,719	4.5	5,668	-13.0
Metals & Products	10,095	9,661	4.5	10,054	0.4
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	14,917	12,886	15.8	14,481	3.0
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,158	8,020	1.7	8,191	-0.4
All Other Carloads	5,399	6,021	-10.3	5,757	-6.2
Total	**319,081**	**314,200**	**1.6 %**	**313,076**	**1.9 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JANUARY 25, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 4 WEEKS ENDING JANUARY 25, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**319,081**	**314,200**	**1.6 %**	**1,213,395**	**1,185,354**	**2.4 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	59,101	61,562	-4.0	216,268	229,005	-5.6
Containers	62,727	55,791	12.4	236,655	209,730	12.8
Total	**121,828**	**117,353**	**3.8**	**452,923**	**438,735**	**3.2**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**20.6**	**19.6**	**5.1 %**	**78.3**	**74.1**	**5.7 %**

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WASHINGTON, February 6, 1992 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 1 totaled 326,501, up 3.0 percent from the corresponding week of 1991 and up 2.3 percent from the preceding week, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

Carloadings originated were up 1.7 percent in the East and up 4.3 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1991 week, loadings of grain increased by 1,148 cars (4.0 percent), loadings of motor vehicles and equipment rose by 3,208 cars (22.5 percent), and coal loadings decreased by 1,109 cars (0.9 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first five weeks of 1992 totaled 1,539,896, up 2.5 percent from the comparable period in 1991.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 129,236 trailers and containers for the week ended February 1, up 5.5 percent from 1991.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first five weeks of 1992 was 582,159 trailers and containers, 3.7 percent above the 1991 comparable total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended February 1 totaled 20.9 billion, up 4.5 percent from the corresponding week of 1991. Cumulative volume for the first five weeks of 1992 was an estimated 99.2 billion ton-miles, up 5.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	29,923	28,775	4.0 %	30,623	-2.3 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,737	2,207	-21.3	1,779	-2.4
Metallic Ores	14,159	12,759	11.0	13,433	5.4
Coal	125,849	126,958	-0.9	126,759	-0.7
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	10,108	9,719	4.0	9,976	1.3
Nonmetallic Minerals	7,648	7,732	-1.1	7,699	-0.7
Grain Mill Products	10,333	10,202	1.3	10,207	1.2
Food & Kindred Products	8,987	9,417	-4.6	9,275	-3.1
Primary Forest Products	9,336	8,944	4.4	8,769	6.5
Lumber & Wood Products	6,576	5,692	15.5	5,988	9.8
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,468	10,759	-2.7	9,996	4.7
Chemicals	29,166	28,360	2.8	28,409	2.7
Petroleum Products	4,815	4,533	6.2	4,973	-3.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8,163	7,958	2.6	7,693	6.1
Coke	5,539	4,812	15.1	4,933	12.3
Metals & Products	11,273	10,047	12.2	10,095	11.7
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	17,452	14,244	22.5	14,917	17.0
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,237	8,067	2.1	8,158	1.0
All Other Carloads	6,732	5,870	14.7	5,399	24.7
Total	**326,501**	**317,055**	**3.0 %**	**319,081**	**2.3 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 5 WEEKS ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**326,501**	**317,055**	**3.0 %**	**1,539,896**	**1,502,409**	**2.5 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	63,097	64,662	-2.4	279,365	293,667	-4.9
Containers	66,139	57,790	14.4	302,794	267,520	13.2
Total	**129,236**	**122,452**	**5.5**	**582,159**	**561,187**	**3.7**
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	**20.9**	**20.0**	**4.5 %**	**99.2**	**94.1**	**5.4 %**

NOTE: Carloadings are estimated for: Week 5, 1992 - TM.

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WASHINGTON, February 13, 1992 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 8 totaled 324,503, up 0.9 percent from the corresponding week of 1991 and down 0.6 percent from the preceding week, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

Carloadings originated were down 1.3 percent in the East and up 3.3 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1991 week, loadings of grain increased by 3,134 cars (11.2 percent), loadings of motor vehicles and equipment rose by 3,559 cars (27.0 percent), and coal loadings decreased by 6,761 cars (5.1 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first six weeks of 1992 totaled 1,864,436, up 2.2 percent from the comparable period in 1991.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 121,521 trailers and containers for the week ended February 8, up 1.1 percent from 1991.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first six weeks of 1992 was 703,680 trailers and containers, 3.3 percent above the 1991 comparable total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended February 8 totaled 21.0 billion, up 4.5 percent from the corresponding week of 1991. Cumulative volume for the first six weeks of 1992 was an estimated 120.2 billion ton-miles, up 5.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 8, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 8, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	31,148	28,014	11.2 %	29,892	4.2 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,806	2,107	-14.3	1,738	3.9
Metallic Ores	13,928	13,990	-0.4	14,159	-1.6
Coal	124,679	131,440	-5.1	125,900	-1.0
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	10,155	10,696	-5.1	10,110	0.4
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,660	9,541	-9.2	7,648	13.2
Grain Mill Products	10,582	10,119	4.6	10,333	2.4
Food & Kindred Products	9,283	9,124	1.7	8,987	3.3
Primary Forest Products	9,222	9,244	-0.2	9,336	-1.2
Lumber & Wood Products	5,768	4,946	16.6	6,576	-12.3
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,490	10,582	-0.9	10,474	0.2
Chemicals	27,964	28,670	-2.5	29,165	-4.1
Petroleum Products	5,198	4,292	21.1	4,815	8.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8,430	8,449	-0.2	8,163	3.3
Coke	5,162	4,533	13.9	5,539	-6.8
Metals & Products	10,481	9,235	13.5	11,259	-6.9
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	16,731	13,172	27.0	17,452	-4.1
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,214	8,203	0.1	8,262	-0.6
All Other Carloads	6,602	5,299	24.6	6,730	-1.9
Total	**324,503**	**321,656**	**0.9 %**	**326,538**	**-0.6 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 8, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 6 WEEKS ENDING FEBRUARY 8, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**324,503**	**321,656**	**0.9 %**	**1,864,436**	**1,824,065**	**2.2 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	58,593	61,135	-4.2	337,958	354,802	-4.7
Containers	62,928	59,076	6.5	365,722	326,596	12.0
Total	**121,521**	**120,211**	**1.1**	**703,680**	**681,398**	**3.3**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**21.0**	**20.1**	**4.5 %**	**120.2**	**114.2**	**5.3 %**

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WASHINGTON, February 20, 1992 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 15 totaled 323,089, down 0.7 percent from the corresponding week of 1991 and down 0.4 percent from the preceding week, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

Carloadings originated were up 2.1 percent in the East and down 3.6 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1991 week, loadings of motor vehicles and equipment increased by 3,632 cars (28.9 percent), loadings of coal fell by 7,020 cars (5.4 percent), and metallic ores loadings decreased by 2,138 cars (13.4 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first seven weeks of 1992 totaled 2,187,525, up 1.8 percent from the comparable period in 1991.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 130,026 trailers and containers for the week ended February 15, up 10.5 percent from 1991.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first seven weeks of 1992 was 833,530 trailers and containers, 4.3 percent above the 1991 comparable total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended February 15 totaled 20.8 billion, up 2.0 percent from the corresponding week of 1991. Cumulative volume for the first seven weeks of 1992 was an estimated 141.0 billion ton-miles, up 4.8 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	30,351	29,907	1.5 %	31,148	-2.6 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,678	1,811	-7.3	1,806	-7.1
Metallic Ores	13,763	15,901	-13.4	13,928	-1.2
Coal	123,374	130,394	-5.4	124,679	-1.0
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	10,494	10,811	-2.9	10,155	3.3
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,229	8,463	-2.8	8,660	-5.0
Grain Mill Products	10,783	10,290	4.8	10,582	1.9
Food & Kindred Products	9,275	9,435	-1.7	9,283	-0.1
Primary Forest Products	9,287	9,169	1.3	9,222	0.7
Lumber & Wood Products	5,901	5,477	7.7	5,768	2.3
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,598	10,908	-2.8	10,490	1.0
Chemicals	29,824	29,975	-0.5	27,964	6.7
Petroleum Products	5,374	4,403	22.1	5,198	3.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8,184	8,672	-5.6	8,430	-2.9
Coke	5,312	4,656	14.1	5,162	2.9
Metals & Products	9,884	8,681	13.9	10,481	-5.7
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	16,217	12,585	28.9	16,731	-3.1
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,386	8,022	4.5	8,214	2.1
All Other Carloads	6,175	5,808	6.3	6,602	-6.5
Total	**323,089**	**325,368**	**-0.7 %**	**324,503**	**-0.4 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 7 WEEKS ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**323,089**	**325,368**	**-0.7 %**	**2,187,525**	**2,149,433**	**1.8 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	63,609	59,415	7.1	401,472	414,217	-3.1
Containers	66,417	58,214	14.1	432,058	384,810	12.3
Total	**130,026**	**117,629**	**10.5**	**833,530**	**799,027**	**4.3**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**20.8**	**20.4**	**2.0 %**	**141.0**	**134.6**	**4.8 %**

NOTE: Carloadings are estimated for: Week 7, 1992 - TM.

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WASHINGTON, February 27, 1992 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 22 totaled 324,155, up 1.6 percent from the corresponding week of 1991 and up 0.3 percent from the preceding week, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

Carloadings originated were up 2.4 percent in the East and up 0.7 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1991 week, loadings of motor vehicles and equipment increased by 3,110 cars (21.4 percent), loadings of coal fell by 4,516 cars (3.4 percent), and metals and products loadings increased by 1,714 cars (20.2 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first eight weeks of 1992 totaled 2,511,740, up 1.7 percent from the comparable period in 1991.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 120,870 trailers and containers for the week ended February 22, up 3.4 percent from 1991.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first eight weeks of 1992 was 954,400 trailers and containers, 4.2 percent above the 1991 comparable total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended February 22 totaled 20.8 billion, up 4.0 percent from the corresponding week of 1991. Cumulative volume for the first eight weeks of 1992 was an estimated 161.8 billion ton-miles, up 4.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 22, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 22, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	28,317	27,686	2.3 %	30,395	-6.8 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,517	1,714	-11.5	1,680	-9.7
Metallic Ores	14,442	14,874	-2.9	13,748	5.0
Coal	127,734	132,250	-3.4	123,354	3.6
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	10,740	10,789	-0.5	10,552	1.8
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,424	7,681	9.7	8,229	2.4
Grain Mill Products	10,227	9,713	5.3	10,783	-5.2
Food & Kindred Products	9,009	8,832	2.0	9,275	-2.9
Primary Forest Products	9,184	8,856	3.7	9,287	-1.1
Lumber & Wood Products	6,073	5,537	9.7	5,901	2.9
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,350	10,347	0.0	10,595	-2.3
Chemicals	28,748	26,722	7.6	29,824	-3.6
Petroleum Products	4,481	4,089	9.6	5,375	-16.6
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8,099	8,236	-1.7	8,184	-1.0
Coke	5,339	5,310	0.5	5,312	0.5
Metals & Products	10,179	8,465	20.2	9,884	3.0
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	17,625	14,515	21.4	16,217	8.7
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,149	8,136	0.2	8,379	-2.7
All Other Carloads	5,518	5,407	2.1	6,175	-10.6
Total	324,155	319,159	1.6 %	323,149	0.3 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 22, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 8 WEEKS ENDING FEBRUARY 22, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	324,155	319,159	1.6 %	2,511,740	2,468,592	1.7 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	58,850	59,347	-0.8	460,322	473,564	-2.8
Containers	62,020	57,525	7.8	494,078	442,335	11.7
Total	120,870	116,872	3.4	954,400	915,899	4.2
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	20.8	20.0	4.0 %	161.8	154.6	4.7 %

NOTE: Carloadings are estimated for: Week 8, 1992 - PLE.

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WASHINGTON, March 6, 1992 -- Motor vehicle and equipment loadings in the week ended February 29 were up 21.9 percent over the same week of last year, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. This marks the fifth straight week in which this commodity has posted increases higher than that of any other rail-carried commodity, averaging a weekly increase of 24 percent over 1991. The railroads reporting account for about 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

Total carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 29 totaled 327,939, up 1.2 percent from the corresponding week of 1991 and up 1.2 percent from the preceding week.

Carloadings originated were up 0.5 percent in the East and up 1.9 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

Cumulative carloadings for the first nine weeks of 1992 totaled 2,839,673, up 1.7 percent from the comparable period in 1991.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 124,806 trailers and containers for the week ended February 29, up 3.2 percent from 1991.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first nine weeks of 1992 was 1,079,129 trailers and containers, 4.1 percent above the 1991 comparable total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended February 29 totaled 21.0 billion, up 4.0 percent from the corresponding week of 1991. Cumulative volume for the first nine weeks of 1992 was an estimated 182.8 billion ton-miles, up 4.6 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP					
		COMPARISON WITH			
COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 1992	SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	29,845	28,634	4.2 %	28,317	5.4 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,738	1,583	9.8	1,517	14.6
Metallic Ores	14,303	14,491	-1.3	14,441	-1.0
Coal	123,534	130,478	-5.3	127,734	-3.3
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	10,385	10,401	-0.2	10,740	-3.3
Nonmetallic Minerals	7,830	7,825	0.1	8,424	-7.1
Grain Mill Products	10,557	10,078	4.8	10,227	3.2
Food & Kindred Products	9,462	9,236	2.4	9,009	5.0
Primary Forest Products	9,122	9,021	1.1	9,184	-0.7
Lumber & Wood Products	6,874	5,904	16.4	6,073	13.2
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	11,211	11,175	0.3	10,350	8.3
Chemicals	29,380	28,664	2.5	28,747	2.2
Petroleum Products	4,867	4,046	20.3	4,481	8.6
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8,317	8,698	-4.4	8,099	2.7
Coke	5,408	5,033	7.5	5,339	1.3
Metals & Products	11,078	10,200	8.6	10,174	8.9
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	18,071	14,825	21.9	17,625	2.5
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,497	8,341	1.9	8,153	4.2
All Other Carloads	7,460	5,532	34.9	5,515	35.3
Total	327,939	324,165	1.2 %	324,149	1.2 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES						
	WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 1992			CUMULATIVE: 9 WEEKS ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 1992		
TRAFFIC	1992	1991	CHANGE	1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	327,939	324,165	1.2 %	2,839,673	2,792,757	1.7 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	62,795	62,636	0.3	522,428	536,200	-2.6
Containers	62,011	58,311	6.3	556,701	500,646	11.2
Total	124,806	120,947	3.2	1,079,129	1,036,846	4.1
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	21.0	20.2	4.0 %	182.8	174.8	4.6 %

NOTE: Carloadings are estimated for: Week 9, 1992 - PLE.

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WASHINGTON, March 12, 1992 -- For the first time in history, railroads are now consistently moving more containers than trailers on a weekly basis. Although trailer volume topped container volume during the week ended March 7 for only the second time this year, containers accounted for 51.4 percent of total intermodal loadings for the first 10 weeks of 1992, up from 48.2 percent for the comparable period in 1991, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for about 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

Overall, container volume is up 10.9 percent so far this year, while the number of trailers carried by major railroads has dropped 2.2 percent. Both were up in the most recent week, however, with containers showing an 8.7 percent increase and trailers inching up by 0.6 percent. The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 10 weeks of 1992 was 1,201,496 trailers and containers, 4.1 percent above the comparable 1991 total.

Total carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended March 7 totaled 321,046, up 0.4 percent from the corresponding week of 1991 and down 2.1 percent from the preceding week. Carloadings originated were up 0.5 percent in the East and up 0.3 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

Cumulative carloadings for the first 10 weeks of 1992 totaled 3,160,626, up 1.5 percent from the comparable period in 1991.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended March 7 totaled 20.7 billion, up 3.0 percent from the corresponding week of 1991. Cumulative volume for the first 10 weeks of 1992 was an estimated 203.5 billion ton-miles, up 4.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 7, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP					
		COMPARISON WITH			
COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING MARCH 7, 1992	SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	30,669	29,360	4.5 %	29,845	2.8 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,624	1,505	7.9	1,738	-6.6
Metallic Ores	13,850	13,948	-0.7	14,303	-3.2
Coal	119,719	128,746	-7.0	123,534	-3.1
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	11,301	11,058	2.2	10,385	8.8
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,029	7,401	8.5	7,830	2.5
Grain Mill Products	10,375	9,854	5.3	10,557	-1.7
Food & Kindred Products	9,063	9,014	0.5	9,462	-4.2
Primary Forest Products	9,126	9,015	1.2	9,122	0.0
Lumber & Wood Products	5,897	5,123	15.1	6,874	-14.2
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,428	10,438	-0.1	11,211	-7.0
Chemicals	29,969	28,778	4.1	29,370	2.0
Petroleum Products	4,635	4,439	4.4	4,867	-4.8
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8,808	8,803	0.1	8,317	5.9
Coke	5,227	4,286	22.0	5,408	-3.3
Metals & Products	10,056	9,206	9.2	11,058	-9.1
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	17,526	14,423	21.5	18,071	-3.0
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,391	8,087	3.8	8,460	-0.8
All Other Carloads	6,353	6,284	1.1	7,434	-14.5
Total	**321,046**	**319,768**	**0.4 %**	**327,846**	**-2.1 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES						
	WEEK ENDING MARCH 7, 1992			CUMULATIVE: 10 WEEKS ENDING MARCH 7, 1992		
TRAFFIC	1992	1991	CHANGE	1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**321,046**	**319,768**	**0.4 %**	**3,160,626**	**3,112,525**	**1.5 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	61,950	61,587	0.6	584,378	597,787	-2.2
Containers	60,417	55,578	8.7	617,118	556,224	10.9
Total	**122,367**	**117,165**	**4.4**	**1,201,496**	**1,154,011**	**4.1**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**20.7**	**20.1**	**3.0 %**	**203.5**	**194.9**	**4.4 %**

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WASHINGTON, March 19, 1992 -- Cumulative 1992 carloadings are steadily pulling away from last year, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. Every week of 1992 has seen an increase in cumulative carloadings over 1991, with an average increase of 3.1 percent. Cumulative carloadings for the first 11 weeks of 1992 totaled 3,480,106, up 1.5 percent from the comparable 1991 period.

The railroads reporting account for about 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended March 14 totaled 320,434, up 1.1 percent from the corresponding week of 1991 and down 0.2 percent from the preceding week. Carloadings originated were up 2.9 percent in the East and down 0.8 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 125,246 trailers and containers, up 7.8 percent from 1991. The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 11 weeks of 1992 was 1,327,021 trailers and containers, 4.5 percent above the comparable 1991 total.

Estimated ton-miles for the week ended March 14 totaled 20.7 billion, up 4.0 percent from the corresponding week of 1991. Cumulative volume for the first 11 weeks of 1992 was an estimated 224.1 billion ton-miles, up 4.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 14, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING MARCH 14, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	29,352	28,086	4.5 %	30,669	-4.3 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,704	1,425	19.6	1,624	4.9
Metallic Ores	11,856	11,261	5.3	13,850	-14.4
Coal	123,063	127,617	-3.6	119,719	2.8
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	11,276	11,317	-0.4	11,301	-0.2
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,201	8,264	-0.8	8,029	2.1
Grain Mill Products	9,941	9,974	-0.3	10,375	-4.2
Food & Kindred Products	9,293	9,225	0.7	9,063	2.5
Primary Forest Products	8,865	9,649	-8.1	9,126	-2.9
Lumber & Wood Products	6,137	5,592	9.7	5,897	4.1
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,313	10,160	1.5	10,428	-1.1
Chemicals	28,923	28,340	2.1	29,969	-3.5
Petroleum Products	5,032	4,302	17.0	4,635	8.6
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8,650	9,052	-4.4	8,808	-1.8
Coke	5,104	4,450	14.7	5,227	-2.4
Metals & Products	9,788	9,357	4.6	10,056	-2.7
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	17,877	13,841	29.2	17,526	2.0
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,498	8,224	3.3	8,391	1.3
All Other Carloads	6,561	6,676	-1.7	6,353	3.3
Total	**320,434**	**316,812**	**1.1 %**	**321,046**	**-0.2 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING MARCH 14, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 11 WEEKS ENDING MARCH 14, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	320,434	316,812	1.1 %	3,480,106	3,429,337	1.5 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	61,649	61,305	0.6	646,206	659,092	-2.0
Containers	63,597	54,842	16.0	680,815	611,066	11.4
Total	125,246	116,147	7.8	1,327,021	1,270,158	4.5
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	20.7	19.9	4.0 %	224.1	214.8	4.3 %

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WASHINGTON, March 26, 1992 -- Cumulative ton-miles on Class I railroads in 1992 have continuously outperformed ton-miles recorded for the same periods of last year, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. Every week of 1992 has seen an increase in cumulative ton-miles over 1991. Cumulative ton-miles for the first 12 weeks of 1992 totaled 245.2 billion, up 4.5 percent from 1991. Estimated Class I ton-miles for the week ending March 21 were 21.2 billion, 6.5 percent over the same period of 1991.

The railroads reporting account for about 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended March 21 totaled 329,116, up 3.4 percent from the corresponding week of 1991 and up 2.7 percent from the preceding week. Carloadings originated were up 3.1 percent in the East and up 3.8 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 126,618 trailers and containers, up 9.0 percent from 1991. The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 12 weeks of 1992 was 1,453,639 trailers and containers, 4.9 percent above the comparable 1991 total.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 21, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING MARCH 21, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	30,730	29,109	5.6 %	29,352	4.7 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,735	1,337	29.8	1,704	1.8
Metallic Ores	13,873	13,262	4.6	11,856	17.0
Coal	123,008	124,804	-1.4	123,063	0.0
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	11,837	11,742	0.8	11,276	5.0
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,568	7,796	9.9	8,201	4.5
Grain Mill Products	10,105	10,128	-0.2	9,941	1.6
Food & Kindred Products	9,081	9,008	0.8	9,293	-2.3
Primary Forest Products	9,443	9,338	1.1	8,865	6.5
Lumber & Wood Products	6,194	5,679	9.1	6,137	0.9
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,352	10,325	0.3	10,313	0.4
Chemicals	30,272	28,631	5.7	28,923	4.7
Petroleum Products	4,901	4,490	9.2	5,032	-2.6
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,206	8,851	4.0	8,650	6.4
Coke	5,268	4,482	17.5	5,104	3.2
Metals & Products	10,479	8,842	18.5	9,788	7.1
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	19,187	15,528	23.6	17,877	7.3
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,598	8,239	4.4	8,498	1.2
All Other Carloads	6,279	6,552	-4.2	6,561	-4.3
Total	**329,116**	**318,143**	**3.4 %**	**320,434**	**2.7 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING MARCH 21, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 12 WEEKS ENDING MARCH 21, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	329,116	318,143	3.4 %	3,809,222	3,747,480	1.6 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	62,000	60,660	2.2	708,206	719,752	-1.6
Containers	64,618	55,546	16.3	745,433	666,612	11.8
Total	126,618	116,206	9.0	1,453,639	1,386,364	4.9
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	21.2	19.9	6.5 %	245.2	234.7	4.5 %

NOTE: Carloadings are estimated for: Week 12, 1992 - EJE & PLE.

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WASHINGTON, April 2, 1992 -- As the first quarter of 1992 draws to a close, railroad freight traffic reports provide new evidence that the nation's recession may be ending.

Intermodal traffic has been above year-earlier levels every single week so far this year, while ton-miles have been above 1991 levels every week but one. Carloadings have exceeded year-earlier totals in 11 out of 13 weeks.

"There are three significant elements to the gains that provide strong evidence the nation is coming out of the recession," said Dr. Harvey A. Levine, vice president of economics and finance at the Association of American Railroads.

"First, both ton-miles and intermodal freight are above levels reported at the end of the first quarter in 1990, just as the economy was beginning to slow down. Second, total rail traffic is up, despite the fact that coal loadings are down about 2 percent this year, a reduction that is largely a reflection of the warm winter and other factors. Finally, it's especially encouraging that traffic associated with autos and housing are leading the way," Dr. Levine said. Automotive traffic is up 17 percent so far this year, and lumber and wood products are up more than 12 percent, the latter reflective of housing starts, a traditional leader out of recessions.

Overall, railroads reported estimated ton-miles of 266.4 billion for the first 13 weeks of 1992, up 4.8 percent from 1991 and 2.7 percent from 1990. Railroads also reported

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intermodal loadings of 1,582,292 trailers and containers for the first quarter of 1992, up 5.5 percent from the same period of 1991 and 4.0 percent from 1990.

For the first 13 weeks of 1992, carloadings originated on U.S. railroads totaled 4,138,143, up 2.0 percent from 1991 first quarter figures, but down 5.3 percent from 1990.

During the week ended March 28, U.S. railroads originated 328,948 carloads of freight, up 5.6 percent from the comparable 1991 week. Carloadings were up 9.5 percent in the East and 1.6 percent in the West.

Estimated ton-miles during the same week totalled 21.2 billion, up 9.3 percent from 1991. Intermodal volume totalled 128,660 trailers and containers, up 13.0 percent.

The railroads reporting to the AAR account for about 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 28, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING MARCH 28, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	29,486	25,846	14.1 %	30,730	-4.0 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,900	1,199	58.5	1,735	9.5
Metallic Ores	12,768	14,165	-9.9	13,873	-8.0
Coal	124,014	123,547	0.4	123,008	0.8
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	11,838	11,679	1.4	11,837	0.0
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,505	7,852	8.3	8,568	-0.7
Grain Mill Products	10,330	9,836	5.0	10,105	2.2
Food & Kindred Products	9,021	8,404	7.3	9,079	-0.6
Primary Forest Products	9,360	8,495	10.2	9,443	-0.9
Lumber & Wood Products	6,285	6,237	0.8	6,192	1.5
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,635	10,449	1.8	10,349	2.8
Chemicals	30,051	28,096	7.0	30,286	-0.8
Petroleum Products	5,018	4,267	17.6	4,891	2.6
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,351	8,605	8.7	9,212	1.5
Coke	5,563	4,684	18.8	5,262	5.7
Metals & Products	10,894	10,018	8.7	10,467	4.1
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	19,284	13,826	39.5	19,187	0.5
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,255	7,417	11.3	8,584	-3.8
All Other Carloads	6,390	6,854	-6.8	6,281	1.7
Total	**328,948**	**311,476**	**5.6 %**	**329,089**	**0.0 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING MARCH 28, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 13 WEEKS ENDING MARCH 28, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**328,948**	**311,476**	**5.6 %**	**4,138,143**	**4,058,956**	**2.0 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	63,834	59,744	6.8	772,074	779,496	-1.0
Containers	64,826	54,076	19.9	810,218	720,688	12.4
Total	**128,660**	**113,820**	**13.0**	**1,582,292**	**1,500,184**	**5.5**
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	**21.2**	**19.4**	**9.3 %**	**266.4**	**254.2**	**4.8 %**

NOTE: Carloadings are estimated for: Week 13, 1992 - LSI.

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WASHINGTON, April 9, 1992 -- Despite a 5.4 percent decline in coal traffic -- the railroad industry's largest source of business -- carloadings on the nation's railroads increased 0.6 percent from the comparable 1991 week during the week ended April 4, 1992, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today.

Traffic was up 3.6 percent in the East, but down 2.5 percent in the West, the AAR said. Cumulative volume for the first 14 weeks of 1992 was 1.9 percent above the comparable 1991 total.

"The growth is an indication that the recession has bottomed out, confirming the opinions of economists who believe that we are on the road to economic recovery," said Dr. Harvey A. Levine, vice president for economics and finance at the AAR.

However, he cautioned, "that recovery may be gradual, if rail traffic is an indication of the pace of recovery. The good news for railroads is that the industry's performance should improve dramatically when coal and grain traffic join the upswing.

"This week's loadings show continued strength in the automotive and housing industries," Dr. Levine said, pointing out that loadings for motor vehicles and parts rose 38.5 percent and loadings of lumber and wood products showed a 9.1 percent gain.

Rail intermodal traffic jumped 16.4 percent from the corresponding 1991 week during the week ended April 4, the AAR said. This brought total volume for the first 14 weeks of 1992 to 1,710,485 trailers and containers, up 6.2 percent from 1991.

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The AAR also estimated ton-mileage for the week ended April 4 at 19.9 billion, up 2.6 percent from the corresponding 1991 week. For the first 14 weeks of 1992, the AAR estimated that cumulative ton-mileage was 4.6 percent above the comparable 1991 total.

The railroads reporting to the AAR account for 94 percent of rail carloadings and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 4, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING APRIL 4, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	29,301	28,846	1.6 %	29,486	-0.6 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,867	1,230	51.8	1,900	-1.7
Metallic Ores	15,898	18,069	-12.0	13,738	15.7
Coal	111,957	118,359	-5.4	124,014	-9.7
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	13,024	13,960	-6.7	11,838	10.0
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,016	8,915	1.1	8,505	6.0
Grain Mill Products	10,377	9,753	6.4	10,330	0.5
Food & Kindred Products	9,534	8,441	12.9	9,021	5.7
Primary Forest Products	9,470	8,869	6.8	9,360	1.2
Lumber & Wood Products	5,718	5,243	9.1	6,285	-9.0
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,798	9,988	8.1	10,635	1.5
Chemicals	30,662	30,510	0.5	30,051	2.0
Petroleum Products	4,830	4,405	9.6	5,018	-3.7
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8,941	9,509	-6.0	9,351	-4.4
Coke	5,468	4,967	10.1	5,563	-1.7
Metals & Products	10,284	9,746	5.5	10,894	-5.6
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	18,131	13,093	38.5	19,284	-6.0
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,457	7,549	12.0	8,255	2.4
All Other Carloads	6,613	7,119	-7.1	6,390	3.5
Total	**320,346**	**318,571**	**0.6 %**	**329,918**	**-2.9 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING APRIL 4, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 14 WEEKS ENDING APRIL 4, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**320,346**	**318,571**	**0.6 %**	**4,459,459**	**4,377,527**	**1.9 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	65,521	56,376	16.2	837,595	835,872	0.2
Containers	62,672	53,716	16.7	872,890	774,404	12.7
Total	**128,193**	**110,092**	**16.4**	**1,710,485**	**1,610,276**	**6.2**
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	**19.9**	**19.4**	**2.6 %**	**286.3**	**273.6**	**4.6 %**

NOTE: Carloadings are estimated for: Week 14, 1992 - GTW, RFP & TM.

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WASHINGTON, April 16, 1992 -- All three general measures of rail traffic were up during the week ended April 11 from the corresponding 1991 week, the seventh consecutive week that has happened, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

The largest gain -- 11.9 percent -- was recorded in intermodal movements of trailers and containers on flatcars, the AAR said. Estimated ton-miles increased 3.5 percent to 20.6 billion. Carloadings totaled 330,239, up 0.4 percent from the 1991 week, with carloadings in the East registering a 1.8 percent gain and carloadings in the West declining by 1.2 percent.

"This week's figures seem to mirror the mixed signals of the economy where retail sales are up, inventories are down, and the recovery gives indication of being modest and slow," said Dr. Harvey A. Levine, vice president for economics and finance at the AAR.

"While automobile traffic, and to a lesser extent, housing-related traffic are on the upswing, there are disturbing traffic levels among many of the other commodities. Hopefully, the recent drop in short-term interest rates will stimulate economic activity in the remainder of the year," Dr. Levine added.

The AAR reported cumulative carloadings for the first 15 weeks of 1992 of 4,789,713, up 1.8 percent from 1991. Revenue ton-miles were estimated to total 306.9, up 4.6 percent. Intermodal volume totaled 1,838,121 trailers and containers, up 6.6 percent from 1991.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 11, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING APRIL 11, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	28,477	26,415	7.8 %	29,321	-2.9 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,667	1,119	49.0	1,854	-10.1
Metallic Ores	17,313	18,582	-6.8	15,898	8.9
Coal	120,065	121,337	-1.0	111,993	7.2
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	13,631	15,185	-10.2	12,959	5.2
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,353	8,112	15.3	9,016	3.7
Grain Mill Products	10,294	10,364	-0.7	10,377	-0.8
Food & Kindred Products	9,084	8,825	2.9	9,534	-4.7
Primary Forest Products	9,499	8,900	6.7	9,459	0.4
Lumber & Wood Products	5,494	5,632	-2.5	5,715	-3.9
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,325	10,051	2.7	10,778	-4.2
Chemicals	30,646	33,021	-7.2	30,662	-0.1
Petroleum Products	5,318	5,345	-0.5	4,830	10.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,441	10,519	-10.2	8,938	5.6
Coke	5,347	4,777	11.9	5,468	-2.2
Metals & Products	9,462	9,886	-4.3	10,286	-8.0
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	18,959	16,205	17.0	18,131	4.6
Waste & Scrap Materials	9,032	8,134	11.0	8,441	7.0
All Other Carloads	6,922	6,755	2.5	6,611	4.7
Total	**330,329**	**329,164**	**0.4 %**	**320,271**	**3.1 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING APRIL 11, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 15 WEEKS ENDING APRIL 11, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	330,329	329,164	0.4 %	4,789,713	4,706,691	1.8 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	63,374	58,345	8.6	901,044	894,217	0.8
Containers	64,274	55,749	15.3	937,077	830,153	12.9
Total	127,648	114,094	11.9	1,838,121	1,724,370	6.6
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	20.6	19.9	3.5 %	306.9	293.5	4.6 %

NOTES: Effective with Week 15, CSX Transportation figures include RFP. CSXT's traffic for prior weeks is the sum of CSXT's and RFP's traffic. Traffic interchanged between these roads prior to Week 15 has not been excluded from "received" traffic.

Carloadings are estimated for: Week 15, 1992 - GTW & TM; Week 14, 1992 - GTW.

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WASHINGTON, April 23, 1992 -- Railroad freight traffic rose sharply during the week ended April 18 from the comparable week of 1991 when a one-day national railroad strike affected volume, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

"Carloadings were up 11.5 percent, ton-miles rose 13.9 percent and intermodal jumped 32.1 percent. Those increases might have been even greater had last week not included Good Friday, which is observed as a holiday on many railroads," said Dr. Harvey A. Levine, vice president of the AAR's economics and finance department.

"Still, railroad traffic trends are encouraging with total carloadings up 2.3 percent in spite of the fact that, in anticipation of the strike, some shippers had built up inventories in the previous weeks of 1991," Dr. Levine added.

During the week ended April 18, railroads reported originating 317,778 carloads, with traffic up 13.4 percent in the East and 9.5 percent in the West. Ton-miles were estimated at 19.7 billion. Intermodal volume totaled 120,522 trailers and containers.

Cumulative volume for the first 16 weeks of 1992 totaled 5,107,307 carloads, up 2.3 percent from 1991; 326.5 billion ton-miles, up 5.1 percent; and 1,958,643 trailers and containers, up 7.9 percent.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 18, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING APRIL 18, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	24,582	20,870	17.8 %	28,313	-13.2 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,590	922	72.5	1,672	-4.9
Metallic Ores	18,225	16,801	8.5	17,313	5.3
Coal	118,191	111,446	6.1	120,074	-1.5
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	13,041	12,600	3.5	13,618	-4.2
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,538	7,274	17.4	9,353	-8.7
Grain Mill Products	9,533	9,186	3.8	10,294	-7.4
Food & Kindred Products	8,576	6,659	28.8	9,082	-5.6
Primary Forest Products	9,278	7,485	24.0	9,499	-2.3
Lumber & Wood Products	5,935	5,347	11.0	5,494	8.0
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,054	8,655	16.2	10,323	-2.6
Chemicals	29,102	25,243	15.3	30,649	-5.0
Petroleum Products	5,045	4,679	7.8	5,318	-5.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,401	8,352	12.6	9,441	-0.4
Coke	5,489	3,923	39.9	5,353	2.5
Metals & Products	10,238	7,695	33.0	9,462	8.2
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	16,162	14,353	12.6	18,948	-14.7
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,587	7,364	16.6	9,020	-4.8
All Other Carloads	6,211	6,263	-0.8	6,919	-10.2
Total	**317,778**	**285,117**	**11.5 %**	**330,145**	**-3.7 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING APRIL 18, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 16 WEEKS ENDING APRIL 18, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**317,778**	**285,117**	**11.5 %**	**5,107,307**	**4,991,808**	**2.3 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	58,200	44,096	32.0	959,244	938,313	2.2
Containers	62,322	47,134	32.2	999,399	877,287	13.9
Total	**120,522**	**91,230**	**32.1**	**1,958,643**	**1,815,600**	**7.9**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**19.7**	**17.3**	**13.9 %**	**326.5**	**310.8**	**5.1 %**

NOTES: Effective with Week 15, CSX Transportation figures include RFP. CSXT's traffic for prior weeks is the sum of CSXT's and RFP's traffic. Traffic interchanged between these roads prior to Week 15 has not been excluded from "received" traffic.

Carloadings are estimated for: Week 16, 1992 - GTW; Week 15, 1992 - GTW; Week 14, 1992 - GTW.

A national railroad strike occurred during Week 16, 1991.

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WASHINGTON, April 30, 1992 -- All three general measures of rail freight traffic rose again last week, with intermodal traffic showing the sharpest gains, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Railroads originated 121,901 trailers and containers during the week ended April 25, up 8.8 percent from the comparable week in 1991. Carload freight, which does not include intermodal, was up only 0.4 percent during the week, to 325,138. Revenue ton-miles rose 3.1 percent, to 20.2 billion.

"Last week's traffic figures once again support the notion that the expected economic recovery will, at best, be modest," said Dr. Harvey A. Levine, vice president of the AAR's Economics and Finance Department.

"Chemicals and petroleum products were both up 12 percent. But both lumber and wood products and autos, which were showing significant gains earlier this year, declined. So, while the overall traffic gains are encouraging, there remain some questions as to how strong an economic recovery we're seeing."

For the first 17 weeks of 1992, overall traffic figures remain above 1991 levels. Intermodal is up 7.9 percent at 2,080,544 trailers and containers. Carloads are up 2.2 percent at 5,431,515. Ton-miles are up 4.9 percent, with railroads having moved an estimated 346.7 billion so far in 1992.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 25, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP					
		COMPARISON WITH			
COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING APRIL 25, 1992	SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	23,984	23,576	1.7 %	24,535	-2.2 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,659	1,528	8.6	1,649	0.6
Metallic Ores	16,262	18,412	-11.7	18,225	-10.8
Coal	120,634	124,208	-2.9	118,191	2.1
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	14,759	14,536	1.5	13,043	13.2
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,426	8,751	7.7	8,538	10.4
Grain Mill Products	9,830	10,042	-2.1	9,546	3.0
Food & Kindred Products	9,054	8,381	8.0	8,576	5.6
Primary Forest Products	9,100	8,417	8.1	9,278	-1.9
Lumber & Wood Products	6,063	6,272	-3.3	5,935	2.2
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,564	9,666	9.3	10,055	5.1
Chemicals	31,438	28,063	12.0	29,099	8.0
Petroleum Products	5,481	4,895	12.0	5,046	8.6
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,326	9,526	-2.1	9,399	-0.8
Coke	5,317	4,513	17.8	5,489	-3.1
Metals & Products	10,238	9,757	4.9	9,935	3.0
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	16,298	17,408	-6.4	15,880	2.6
Waste & Scrap Materia	8,753	8,238	6.3	8,573	2.1
All Other Carloads	6,952	7,663	-9.3	6,250	11.2
Total	**325,138**	**323,852**	**0.4 %**	**317,242**	**2.5 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES						
	WEEK ENDING APRIL 25, 1992			CUMULATIVE: 17 WEEKS ENDING APRIL 25, 1992		
TRAFFIC	1992	1991	CHANGE	1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**325,138**	**323,852**	**0.4 %**	**5,431,515**	**5,315,660**	**2.2 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	59,379	58,379	1.7	1,018,623	996,692	2.2
Containers	62,522	53,674	16.5	1,061,921	930,961	14.1
Total	**121,901**	**112,053**	**8.8**	**2,080,544**	**1,927,653**	**7.9**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**20.2**	**19.6**	**3.1 %**	**346.7**	**330.4**	**4.9 %**

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Carloadings are estimated for: Week 14, 1992 - GTW.